

## Craven Refugee Support Network

### December 2020 Newsletter

A mix of news, info, fundraising, refugee related shopping and a link to 'Refugee Nights' on youtube - 3 programmes

Hope that Christmas is a positive time for you and let's hope and work for a more positive 2021 for all.

See our website for [ways you can help](#).

#### Judy

Abigail Housing are doing a raffle as a much needed fund raiser.

Please share and support them at this difficult time.

Or you could just make a

donation <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/skiptonrefugeegroup>

#### Charles sent this - in case you missed it...

['Game-changer': £1m pledged to help refugees resettle in UK | Refugees | The Guardian](#)

**Stella** has an article in Yorkshire Bylines about do-gooders - remember Priti Patel going on about them?

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/is-priti-patel-radicalising-do-gooders/>

#### Angie recommends...

##### [Episodes 1 2 3](#)

'...how much do we really know about the experiences of those behind the headlines? Over three nights, the festival will explore refugees' stories throughout history in talks, eyewitness accounts, music and food, and celebrate refugees' rich and important cultural contributions to UK public life.

Each night, spaced over three weeks, will be hosted by Hassan Akkad, Syrian refugee and creator of BAFTA-winning documentary 'Exodus', who will guide online viewers through the festival and share his moving story along the way.' [Facebook - Schools of Sanctuary](#)

#### Angie's Christmas Stocking ideas

Lots of gift ideas - including a 'GREAT COMBINATION "THE LIGHTLESS SKY" and "TASTES & TALES"

Two amazing books written by our fantastic Trustees Gulwali Passarlay (The Lightless Sky) and Alan and Katherine Strang, (Tastes & Tales),

**THE LIGHTLESS SKY** Signed by Author hardback"

**Angie** has [birthday appeal](#) on facebook

For my birthday this year, I'm asking for donations to Refugee Support Europe. They are a small but effective charity with an emphasis on dignity & respect. Before the first English lockdown Gillian from our small Refugee Support group went to Cyprus to volunteer with them. Her reports were glowing with admiration for their approach.

**Richard** Useful info for refugees

Online English classes. Given that face to face teaching is restricted in Covid Tier 2 rules, if there is a need for online Zoom English lessons a BIASAN team of 9 volunteers has been running twice a week free lessons for asylum seekers/refugees since the beginning of April. We could help people in Skipton or nearby if there is a need. Contact Richard on [strand@hawkswick.net](mailto:strand@hawkswick.net) or 01756 770346

Tier 3 rules, a BIASAN guide to what you can and can't do in accessible form and language, i.e. non-government-speak. If there are asylum seekers/refugees living in Keighley or other Tier3 areas the attached guide might of help to them.